

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 through line 7 as follows:

The diaper 1 has three absorbent members 41, 42, and 43. As depicted in Fig. 2, the absorbent members 41 to 43 are arranged in series in the direction of from the rear portion B, through the crotch portion A, to the front portion C. The direction of “from the rear portion B, through the crotch portion A, to the front portion C” is the same as the direction of “from the front portion B-C, through the crotch portion A, to the rear portion B”. In the case of a fitted diaper of tape type that is almost a rectangle longer than wide like the diaper 1, that direction is defined to be a diaper length direction.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 27 through Page 8, line 8 as follows:

In the diaper 1 of the present embodiment, the fixed end 94 of the standing gathers 9 on each side is not linear but wavy along the diaper length direction as shown in Fig. 2. As shown in Fig. 5(a), a part of the fixed end 94 depicts a projection sticking toward the widthwise middle of the diaper in each of regions D and E that are in the vicinity of the facing corners of the adjacent absorbent members. More specifically, the fixed end 94 of the standing gathers 9 extends substantially in the diaper length direction but, in the region D near the facing corners of the absorbent members 41 and 42 and the region E near the facing corners of the absorbent

members 42 and 43, the position of the fixed end 94 is shifted toward the widthwise middle of the diaper. As a result, when the diaper is stretched flat and seen from the side of its topsheet 42, the fixed end 94 is curved inward to the diaper widthwise middle to depict a projection. What is meant by the term “wavy” as used in the present invention is not limited to “having a strictly sinusoidal waveform” but includes “having a substantially sinusoidal waveform, such as the form shown in Fig. 5(b)”.